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VOICES FROM AFAR.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE WORKINGS OF LONG DISTANCE PHONES.

WONDERFUL

igo Mary E. Hewitt, in a burst of poetic

'A voice went forth throughout the land, And an answering voice replied From the rock-piled mountain fast-

a beautiful little allusion to the longdistance telephone!" And in so misincerpreting the poet's meaning he wouldn't in the least be making a fool of himself, for the long-distance 'phone does ever thing that is mentioned in the lines quoted. Through its medium many voices "go forth throughout the land." and equally as many reply "from moun-tain fastnesses" and elsewhere—that is, if the proper connection can be gotten and the talkers have the money to pay

Years ago, when the Bell Telephone Years ago, when the Ben Isrephone Company first started its operations, "Uncle Remus" was not the only individual who found occasion to be mystified by the workings of the mechanism. Everybody thought it was marvellous, but by and by, after people saw that they were getting their money's worth in service, they caused to wonder and took vice, they ceased to wonder, and took cessary to give them something new and mysterious-something that no one had ever dreamed of or hoped for. The wise men who are always experimenting and "projecking" put their resourceful craniums together, and after a decade or so of experimenting they have placed upon the market this wonderful invention that miles. The thing is no longer an experi-ment-a plaything of scientists-but one of those practical devices which enter-largely into the business machinery of nineteenth century civilization.

"LONG-DISTANCE, PLEASE." Richmond always flatters herself that she has the best of everything, and gets it first, but they whisper around in Nor-folk that we know a few telephonic tricks which have not yet reached the Old Dominion capital. In this town, when we wish to use the long-distance 'phor we do not take a day off to go to a down-town office to do our talking, nor do we suspend business until we can catch the suspend business until we can eatch the fellow we want in Chicago or Cincinnation or New York. No; that is not quite speedy and novel enough for this city. We simply go to the Southern Hell 'phone in our house, take off the receiver, and without giving our number, briefly say, "Long distance." Then a pretty girl in the dim, unseen distance, who has been notified of the fact of our existence by our lifting the receiver from the book, chirps oack in dulcet tones to ask what town we wish. We then tell her we desire to communicate with Mr. Erastua Hawkins, of Pork Terrace. Chicago, After that we hang up the receiver and go about our business. It may be that Hawkins is out, business. It may be that Hawkins is out, and makes the service almost entirely and it will take some time to catch him: free from frosts, sleets, or snows. When and it will take some time to catch him; to it's no use quitting everything else to dance attendance upon him. By and by, when he is found, "Central"—that dear girl who represents whole hunks of patience—rings you up and tells you Hawkins is ready to hear your tale of woe. Then you talk and pour your troubles into his ear and make him see things which he cauldn't possibly understand (or you couldn't make him understand) were you to write to him. It's all very nice and wonderful, and you save much. nice and wonderful, and you save much money in telegrams and rallroad fare, and are tickled to death at your economic skill. Did you ever stop to think of it— aid you ever believe the time would/come when you would get to be such a big man that you could stand in your own house or office had throw that voice of yours 1.700 miles-to lowa, to Illinois, to New

to it in Norfolk, and this isn't our year for talking, either. HOW THE THING WORKS. They say that in Richmond, when a man wants to use the long-distance phone, he has to put on his coat, face the sun, and go 'way down-town to the and the style of w. leng-distance office and wait there until sure to please you.

York, to Pennsylvania, to Georgia, to foodness only knows where? But there are others—at least in Norfolk. We all

ouracy, and the simplicity of the service, but the Rell Telephone Company has had o pay some pretty stiff figures for the to pay some preity stiff figures for the improvements. Their new switchboard— a wonderful mechanism of its kind—is the secret of the reform which has done so much to strengthen the patience of the public. This switchboard, which abolishes the Law system, works through the medium of a common battery, and its operations almost convince the beholder that it is human. It costs way up in the thousands, and is a thing of scientine beauty. The operators—that is, the girls who are all known under that unsympathelic appellation, "Central"—are guided in their work by the little red and white electric-light buttons on the switchboard, which flash here and there as a connection is called for or a conversation ended. When you take your receiver of the hook a little electric light (about the size of a dime) indicates to the girls at the main office that your number wishes connection with another number. When you are through with the conversation and hang up the receiver another luminous eye winks on the switchboard, and the maid shuts you off. All day, and nearly all night, these burning eyes are flashing and twinkling on the switchboard, and the maid shuts you off. All day, and nearly all night, these burning eyes are flashing and twinkling on the switchboard, and the mysterious automaton is never weary. The telephone girl, with her head crowned by the steel bands which fasten the art 'bone to her acute auditory cr-Their new switchboardrowned by the steel bands which fasts ear 'phone to her acute auditory cr-, is unceasingly busy. Never for a as, is unceasingy one, and an ond, while at work, does she have an oortunity for private conversation. All y long, hour after hour, you hear bering "Number?" Her voice is never and—always the same patient monotone, and yet in the course of a day she handles undreds of messages. At least 16,000 mes-

free from frosts, sleets, or snows. When formerly there were \$50 poles, only forty-five are now to be found in Norfolk, and these are merely used to listribute the wires which come from the cables in the duct. The underground system is, of course, immeasureably superior to the overhead wires and a city is greatly immeasured. wires, and a city is greatly improved by the removal of the superfluous poles, but the new arrangement is tremendously expensive. Of course, the streets have to be torn up for the laying of the conducts, manholes, etc., and all this layolves great

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THE ANIMALS TALKED

THE IDLER INTERVIEWS THE LAKESIDE PARK MENAGERIE,

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Rabbits and the Doctors

hot day at Lakeside Park

be source and not to abuse confidence placed in me. And what thanks do I get for it? If I'm nakeep some chump like yourself comes and wakes me up; if I might be worse." said the spirits of moonplaced in me. And what thanks do I get in thickets that know not man."

It was all very pitful and pleading and plausible, but I knew the old codger's got modertake to eat peanuts at this gate, some fellow at the other side of the pit, with six children, comes up and expects the me to act funny for him. My good intense to make the other peanuts with said of the pit, with six children, comes up and expects to me to act funny for him. My good intense to make the other peanuts with a man named Kipling, who libelled bears until not a shred of their reputations was left. He accused my great-grandfather of some crooked business was left. He accused my great-grandfather of some crooked business with a huntsman, and described in grandpa as "horrible, heiry and human."

Not satisfied with this, he made some indeficate alhision to his big stoment (grandpa always did bave a "noy-window"), and wound up by swearing center on our whole trike. I'd like to grandpa always did bave a "noy-window"), and wound up by swearing center on our whole trike. I'd like to grandpa always did bave a "noy-window"), and wound up by swearing center on the outside of that man; I wouldn't ask but three chaws to put him in the place where I now deposit the peanuts which are so liberally bestowed upon me."

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"Why not get a hair-cut, Ursus?" 1 asked; "then you at least wouldn't be horrible and halry."

"Well, to tell the truth, I did think about it when spring set in." replied the rotund mass of hair, "but the fless on me drew up a petition and asked that I remain in statu quo. I couldn't refuse; the fless are about the only things that stick fless are about the only things that stick by me. The colony on my vertebra—just out of reach of my hind-paws—are doing quite as well as could be expected, under the circumstances, and I feel flattered when I recall how much they think of "They're warm bables, arn't they." I

hundreds of messages. At least 16,000 messages go over the wire in every twentyfour hours. The greatest rush is in the
morning hours from 9 to 11, when the
vast machinery of business begins to
move. Of course, the girls—even if they
had the curiosity to listen to these many
voices—would not have the time to
do so. While at work they must necessarily be a part of the great mechanism
which is now an indispensable factor in
commercial ife.

THAT IS VETY CONSIDERATION SYSTEM

me."

"That is very considerate of you." I
ventured to remark, whereupon Ursus
vanapped out: "O, don't soft-soap me;
snapped out: "O, don't soft-soap me;
snapp "That is very considerate of you." I make another futile effort at sleep.

The big buff-colored puma, whom I next

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sked; "then you at least wouldn't be corribte and hairy."

"Well, to tell the truth, I did think truth, I did think truth. I did think truth.

mising a trio of youngsters as I've soon, only they were just a little hoggish about their dinners.

"They're warm babies, arn't they," I asked, when I saw the fuzzy little things climbing over their ma.

"The very warmest in this zoological bunch," proudly responded the indiana.

dust from the face of her first born the her tongue. Then, turning to me the benign light in her eyes, she called the wisdom I had gathered from these benefits the benign light in her eyes, she called the wisdom I had gathered from these benefits the b ventured to remark, whereupon Ursus bunch," proudly responded the indulgent mother, as she quietly removed a speck

of dust from the face of her first born with her tongue. Then, turning to me with a benign light in her eyes, she asked:
"Are they singing any new 'coon' songs at the vaudeville now? You know my people first started this line of music, though it ain't like what it used to be."
"Nothing new," I replied; "the seattmental business is what catches the gallery boys now. They want 'Go Break the News to Mother' and 'A Man Was the Cause of It All," or 'Don't Mention Her Name," or something of that sort. The 'coon' songs require too much muscle for hot weather."

"If it's just the same to you," said Mrs. Raccoon, with a sigh, "I wish you'd pass on now." I smell Mr. Raccoon in the neighbothood."

neighborhood."
This class of little animals, by the way are very particular about having their names spelt out in full, without any curtailing of prefixes. They are generally quite sensitive about being mentioned as "'Coons," It's the same way with the he O in their names signifies aristocra

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Now, so far from being a doctor, I can't so much as blek a spinnter out of a boy'a toe without getting fainty, and I haven't any nerve whatsoever in the way of surgical operations. The charge at Gettysburg unnerved me, or rather I got unnerved after I had done all I could for my country. These facts I explained to the terror-stricken little quadrupeds (I had now gotten used to speaking animal language), after which they appeared some-

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guage), after which they appeared some

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doctor invariably throws us

isn't one thing it will be another."

nsked:
"Well, on the dead quiet," whispered
Jack, "I have got ambitions. I'm wilting
to do a turn at raising appendicitis germs
if they ever discover them. That's my
ambition. Otherwise I'm simply "thegreat-and-only-jack-rabbit-ever-captured-

beast, and I heard a thunderous vo

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